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Army Corps to hold public hearing on St. Lawrence Cement Greenport Facility

New York— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public hearing March 18, 2003, on an application by the St. Lawrence Cement Co., L.L.C., Hudson, N.Y. to improve an existing marine terminal serving its cement manufacturing facilities.

The public hearing will be held in two sessions at the Columbia Greene Community College (theatre in Arts Center), Route 23, Hudson. The first session will occur from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the second session starting at 6 p.m. and concluding at 11 p.m.

All comments regarding the proposed activities not presented at the hearing should be mailed to reach the Corps no later than April 1, 2003. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail and must include the sender's name and address and be sent to <code>Saint.L.Cement@usace.army.mil</code>

- St. Lawrence Cement has requested Department of the Army authorization to discharge fill material, dredge 62,000 cubic yards of sediment with ten years maintenance and upland disposal, and install structures on the Hudson River as part of its proposed Greenport Facility project.
- St. Lawrence Cement proposes to replace its current manufacturing plant at the Catskill Facility with a modernized and larger manufacturing plant at the Greenport Facility that will use coal as its primary fuel.

The 1,783-acre Greenport facility consists of an active mine producing up to 550,000 tons of rock per year. The proposed project would increase the mining rate to a maximum of 6.7 million tons per year.

Although the production of cement would cease at the Catskill facility, the facility would continue to be used to support the proposed Greenport facility. In addition, St. Lawrence Cement proposes to remove six, 100-foot bunk silos located along the Hudson River, plus an 82-foot kiln stack at its main plant as well as removing 22, 100-foot tall cement silos and an existing 200-foot tall stack located between U.S. Route 9 and N.Y.S. Route 9G, at the Greenport facility.

This public hearing is scheduled to end at 11 p.m. However, it may end before this closing time if all parties wishing to speak have done so prior to 11 p.m.

Additional information can be found in the public notice for this project and by visiting: http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/buslinks/regulat/pnotices/0220031.pdf